

REMARKS

In the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 25, 2008, an election between Species I (claims 3-9 and 18-24, said to be directed to presentation processing of document, structured document) and Species II (claims 12-15 and 27-30, said to be directed to computer network managing, computer network monitoring (messaging)) was required. Claims 1 and 16 are said to be generic to the above-described species. Applicants herein elect Species I without traverse. Claims 1, 3-9, 12-16, 18-24 and 27-30 are currently pending, with claims 12-15 and 27-30 withdrawn from examination.

Applicants' specification discloses the two indicated Species to be usable together. For example, at paragraph [0073], applicants' specification discloses mutations that are the result of events monitored by a business logic component of a server may be made to the server's version of a hierarchical document. These mutations may then be broadcast to connected clients. Because applicants' specification discloses that the two indicated Species may be usable together, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Moreover, the Examiner has not explained why there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction was not required as stipulated in MPEP § 808.02.

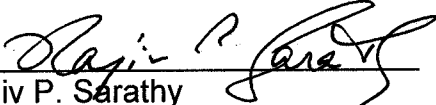
Furthermore, 37 C.F.R § 1.141 provides that a reasonable number of species may be specifically claimed in one application, provided that the application also includes an allowable claim generic to all the claimed species and all the claims include all the limitations of the generic claim. (37 C.F.R § 1.141(a); *see also* MPEP § 806.04.) According to the Office Action, claims 1 and 16 are generic. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable. The claims of both Species include all the limitations of either claim 1 or claim 16. Since a reasonable number of species (two,

according to the Office Action) are claimed, this application comports with 37 C.F.R § 1.141.

Although applicants have withdrawn Species 2, they respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all the pending claims, including the claims now withdrawn. Applicants reserve their right to rejoin the withdrawn claims at a later date. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 612188007US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw for any fees due.

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